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SUBJ: CODEL TSONGAS BONKER STAFDEL VAN VOORST RECEIVED AT
MINISTERIAL LEVEL

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 2176; B) MOGADISCIO 2169

1. IN ADDITION TO CALLING ON PRESIDENT SIAD AND TAKING PART
IN THE SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE PUBLIC LAW 480, TITLE II
TRANSFER AGREEMENT, REFTELS, REPRESENTATIVES TSONGAS AND BONKER
ACCOMPANIED BY SENATE STAFFER BRUCE VAN VOORST, CALLED ON
VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER MOHAMED ALI SAMATAR,
FINANCE MINISTER ABDIRAHMAN NUR HERSI, FOREIGN MINISTER
ABDIRAHMAN JAMA BARRE, AND STATE PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
AHMED HABIB AHMED. THE FINANCE MINISTER, PLANNING COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN, VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE MOHAMED GHELE HUSUF, AND
THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ALL ATTENDED A LUNCH THE AMBASSADOR GAVE
FOR THE DELEGATION ON DEC 17.

2. THE SOMALI MINISTERS WERE UNIFORMLY CORDIAL IN GREETING
THE VISITORS. ALTHOUGH THE MINISTERS WOULD NOT DEPART
FROM THE ESTABLISHED POSITION ON DENYING THE INVOLVE-
MENT OF SOMALI ARMED FORCES IN THE OGADEN CONFLICT, THEY
WERE OTHERWISE RESPONSIVE AND VIGOROUS IN SETTING FORTH
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THE SOMALI RATIONALE. THE SUBSTANCE DID NOT DEPART
SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THAT COVERED IN THE MEETING WITH
SIAD. THE CONGRESSMEN WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH
AHMED HABIB AS REFLECTED IN THEIR COMMENTS BOTH AT THE
SIGNING CEREMONY AND UPON DEPARTURE.

3. THE SOMALI NEWS SERVICE AND MEDIA GAVE WIDE COVERAGE

TO THE VISIT AND THE SIGNING CEREMONY. (ASSUME THE
DEPARTMENT HAS THIS MATERIAL FROM FBIS REPORTS.) THE
EMBASSY BELIEVES THE TRIP WAS USEFUL IN ASSISTING US TO
OPEN DOORS IN MOGADISCIO THAT WERE HERETOFORE CLOSED.
THE EMBASSY PARTICULARLY APPRECIATES THE EXTRA EFFORT
THE CODEL MADE IN RESCHEDULING THE MOGADISCIO LEG, AND
THE INCONVENIENCE THAT STEP ENTAILED.
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